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## OHIO SLAVIC CALENDAR

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| April | 5 - OSU Radio Series (588)                           |
|       | 7 - Riasanovsky lecture at Thomas More (591)         |
|       | 8 - Korzhavin lecture at Miami University (624)      |
|       | 11 - Russian film at University of Akron (612)       |
|       | 11 - Frumkin lecture at OSU (626)                    |
|       | 12 - AATSEEL meeting in Columbus (603)               |
|       | 12 - OSU Radio Series (588)                          |
|       | 14 - Medvedyeff lecture at University of Akron (612) |
|       | 16 - Slavic film at OSU (637)                        |
|       | 16 - Hoffman lecture at OSU (627)                    |
|       | 17 - Erlich lecture at Case Western Reserve (623)    |
|       | 17 - Yugoslavian Dance Ensemble in Columbus (632)    |
|       | 19 - Foreign Language Festival at Otterbein (631)    |
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|       | 24 - Russian Banquet at Princeton High (640)         |
|       | 25 - Psychology symposium at OSU (635)               |
|       | 26 - Lithuanian Dance Ensemble at Kent State (633)   |
|       | 28 - Williams lecture at OSU (625)                   |
|       | 30 - Slavic film at OSU (637)                        |
| May   | 1-3 - Midwest Slavic Conference in Cleveland (605)   |
|       | 6 - Slavic Day at OSU (for high school students)     |
|       | 7 - Slavic film at OSU (637)                         |
|       | 14 - Slavic film at OSU (637)                        |

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

622. Don't forget the Midwest Slavic Conference at Cleveland State University May 1-3 (see OSEEN items 570 and 605). Send in your reservations now. In charge is Professor Jeanette E. Tuve, History Department, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH, 44115.

## LECTURES OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE

623. Victor Erlich, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Yale University, will speak on "The Writer as Witness: The Achievement of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn" at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 17, in the Mather Gallery of Thuring Hall on the Case Western Reserve University campus in Cleveland.

624. Naum Korzhavin, a Soviet poet now in emigration in the United States, will give a reading of his poetry at Miami University, Oxford, at 8:15 p.m. on April 8. For further information call Robert L. Bowie (office phone: 513-529-3529; home phone: 513-523-2517) or the GREAL Department, Miami University (phone: 513-529-2526).

625. Edward V. Williams of the University of Kansas, a specialist in Byzantine and Russian music, will lecture on "John Koukouzeles and a Byzantine Ars Nova," at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28 in 13 Hughes Hall on The Ohio State University campus in Columbus. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Slavic Center and the Division of Music History and Literature of OSU's School of Music.

626. Vladimir Frumkin of Oberlin College will speak on "Soviet Dissident Bards: Their Poetry and Music," at 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 11, in 260 Cunz Hall on The Ohio State University campus in Columbus. Following the lecture, Professor Frumkin will perform some of the songs of these underground singers and writers. Refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

627. The Department of Geography and the Slavic Center at Ohio State are sponsoring a lecture by Professor George Hoffman, of the University of Texas (Austin), on "Comparative Regional Planning Policies between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Countries of East Central and Southeast Europe." The lecture will be given at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 in 226 Hagerty Hall on the OSU campus in Columbus.

## CRITICAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM AT KENT STATE

628. The Critical Languages Program at Kent State University offers instruction in Czech, Estonian, Finnish, Greek (Modern), Hungarian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Serbo-Croatian, Slovakian, Slovenian, and Ukrainian. This is basically a self-instruction program utilizing text materials and tapes, but the self-study is supplemented by practice sessions with a native-speaking tutor. Academic credit is available for the work. During the coming summer both regular and intensive work may be done in the program. For further information write: Critical Language Program, 119 Bowman Hall, Kent State University, Kent, OH, 44242.

## STUDY TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA

629. John Carroll University is sponsoring a summer study trip to Yugoslavia from June 16 to August 4, 1975. The group will study at Zagreb and Split Universities (credit is available) and will also travel extensively. The last week of the tour will be spent on the Island of Pag. Deadline for application is April 8 and the enrollment is limited to ten. For additional information call: Modern Language Department, John Carroll University, (216) 491-4371.

## INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

630. The Department of German and Russian at Oberlin College announces the institution of an additional major in Russian and Soviet Studies, beginning with the academic year 1975-76. This major will enable the undergraduate student to combine studies in Soviet-Russian government, history, economics, Russian literature in translation, and music history with an intensive Russian language program. For further information contact: Serge Kryzyski, Friederike Snyder, or George Lanyi at Oberlin.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE FESTIVAL AT OTTERBEIN

631. Otterbein College will hold its Annual Foreign Language Festival on April 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Campus Center on the Otterbein campus in Westerville. This is an event for high school students of French, Spanish, German, and Russian. Classes are asked to compete in a display or live performance contest. Entertainment for everyone, free lunch for students and teachers. Call Dr. Roger Neff at Otterbein (891-3773) immediately for information and registration.

## YUGOSLAV DANCE ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM

632. The Zivili Kolo Yugoslavian Dance Ensemble will present concerts at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, April 17 and 19, in the Battelle Auditorium, 505 King Avenue, Columbus. The group, consisting of 25 costumed singers, dancers, and musicians, is an outgrowth of the local Croatian Lodge.

## LITHUANIAN GRANDINELE DANCERS AT KENT STATE

633. The Lithuanian Student Association of Kent State University will present the Grandinele Dancers, a Lithuanian folk dancing and singing group, on April 26, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. in the University Auditorium of the Administration Building. This group of Lithuanian folk dancers will present an evening of dancing and singing. The group has toured both Europe and South America and will present a lively glimpse of this aspect of Lithuanian culture. For further information, contact: John F. Cadzow, Ethnic Heritage Program (phone: 216-672-4443), 119 Bowman Hall, Kent State University, Kent, OH, 44242.

## SUMMER PROGRAM IN HUNGARIAN

634. Portland State University (Portland, Oregon), in conjunction with its Central European Studies Center, will again sponsor an intensive program in Hungarian Studies. The Program will be held at PSU during the 1975 Summer Session (June 23 to August 21). It is designed to appeal to all individuals who wish to deepen their understanding of East-Central Europe and to those who wish to begin studying Hungarian or to perfect their knowledge of the language.

OFFERINGS: Courses are offered for regular college credit and include the following:

- 1) First Year (Beginning) Hungarian (12 quarter hours credit)
- 2) Second Year (Intermediate) Hungarian (9 credit hours)
- 3) Third Year Hungarian (Conversation & Composition; 9 credit hours)
- 4) Independent Study (hours by arrangement)
- 5) Governments and Politics of East-Central Europe (3 credit hours; taught in English)
- 6) Seminar in Hungarian Studies ( 2 credit hours)

PRELIMINARY APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION: May be obtained by writing to Professor Louis J. Elteto, Hungarian Language and Area Studies, Department of Foreign Languages, Portland State University, Box 751, Portland, OR, 97207.

## POLISH-AMERICAN BOOK MARKER CONTEST

635. The Polish-American Congress National Bicentennial Commission has announced a contest to design a book marker which will be printed on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the USA. The book marker should depict some person, event, or theme connected with Polish-American history. For details contact: Dr. Herman A. Szymanski, Alliance College, Cambridge Springs, PA, 16403. The deadline originally announced is April 15, 1975.

## PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY SYMPOSIUM

636. A symposium on "Psychology and Psychiatry in the USSR" is planned for Friday, April 25, in the Conference Theater of the Ohio Union on The Ohio State University campus in Columbus. The symposium, co-sponsored by the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry and the Slavic Center at OSU, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Further details in the next issue of OSEEN.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

637. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State has issued "Directory of Contacts for International Educational, Cultural and Scientific Exchange Programs" dated March 1975. The Directory is a listing of private and governmental agencies active in the conduct of international exchange-of-persons programs. Included is contact information and brief program information on the private agencies and organizations.

## SLAVIC FILM SERIES AT OSU

638. The Spring Quarter Slavic Film Series at The Ohio State University, sponsored by the Slavic Center, includes the following films:

April 16 - The Inspector General (Russian)  
 April 30 - Innocent Sorcerers (Polish)  
 May 7 - Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors (Russian-Ukrainian)  
 May 14 - Mother (Russian)

Showings will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Ohio Union Conference Theater on The Ohio State University campus. Admission is free. For further information, contact the Slavic Center (phone: 614-422-8770).

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

639. Teachers who are entering upon a program of student recruitment for their Russian language classes might find the following information from the ADFL Bulletin, March, 1975, to be of interest: "Contrary to a widely held assumption prevalent among language departments and guidance personnel, the [college] entrance requirement was never the principal source of pressure for language study in schools or colleges, and even at its 'high point,' 1966, only a third of United States colleges maintained a fixed entrance requirement in languages. The operative requirement was in fact the [college] degree requirement, which exerted its 'downward' pressure upon the entering freshmen and the schools." The report goes on to state that only 18.6% of the college-level institutions surveyed reported having a foreign language entrance requirement in 1974-75 (down from 33.6% in 1965-66), and that only 54.0% of these same institutions report having a degree requirement of a FL during this same year (down from 88.9% in 1965-66).

As a result, teachers and counselors who might have once been able to say to students, "You may not need a foreign language to get into college, but you'll need one to get out," are now being deprived of even that line of reasoning. Teachers can no longer count on the college-bound students to fill their classes, if in fact this was ever the case.

640. William N. O'Neil reported just after the appearance of the last OSEEN that his third-year Russian class at Kenston High School would be making a spring trip to the USSR from March 21-29, 1975, visiting Leningrad and Moscow. He promises a follow-up report.

641. The Russian Club of Princeton High School (Cincinnati) will hold its 11th annual Russian Banquet on Thursday, April 24. Included in the evening's festivities will be Russian dances, skits, and the induction of members into the Slavic Honor Society, Slava. Call Henry P. Zeigler, (513) 771-8470.

642. A Publishers' Library of books suitable for secondary school classroom or library use has been established by the CSEES, and the first books, donated by the publishers, have already been received. Not only books, but also maps, filmstrips, records, and other educational materials in language, literature, and social studies are being solicited. All materials thus collected will be on display at the spring secondary teachers' workshop, scheduled for Saturday, May 24, at The Ohio State University Fawcett Center for Tomorrow,